

Martensville Constituency News

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Spring has finally arrived! I hope you and your family are finally able to enjoy the outdoors.

This spring's newsletter contains information on some important initiatives and programs. With high school graduation soon upon us, I have included details on government funding for post-secondary students. Saskatchewan is such a great place to live and work and we are hopeful that many of our high school grads will not only go on to university or college here, but also choose to work and live in our province.

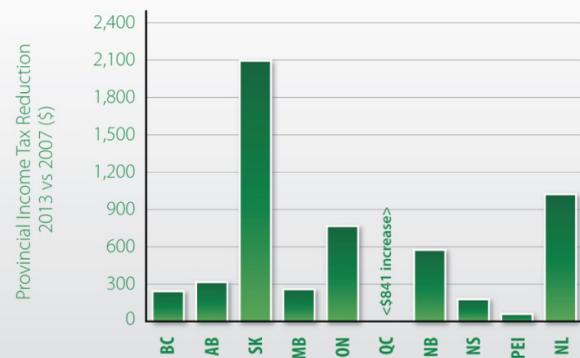
The constituency of Martensville remains one of the fastest growing areas in the province. While growth is good, it also brings with it challenges, such as the need for infrastructure. We are working hard to make sure those needs are being met - whether it's new or expanded schools in Warman and Martensville or new roads (Highway 305 and 684 are being rebuilt).

It remains an honour to represent you in the Legislature. As always, if you have comments or concerns, please contact my office.

BACKGROUNDER

Provincial tax savings since 2007

Provincial Income Tax Reductions Since 2007 for Family of Four at \$50,000



Martensville

Revenue sharing in Martensville has increased from \$506,625 in 2007-08 to \$1,641,004 in 2013-14.

224% Increase from 2007-08



The 2013-14 "Balanced Growth" budget contains further increases to municipal revenue sharing which Saskatchewan's cities, towns, villages and RMs can invest as they see fit on behalf of their residents. For example, since 2007 municipal revenue sharing for the City of Martensville has increased 224 per cent and Warman's share is up 210 per cent.



(left) Nancy and Dalmeny Mayor Allan Earle at the site of Dalmeny Road construction.



(left) Nancy speaking at the Warman Community School naming announcement.

For Students

The *Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship* program for new Grade 12 graduates provides \$500 a year up to a maximum of \$2,000 over four years to put toward tuition at a post-secondary institution.

Under the *Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings* program, our government will contribute to your child's Registered Education Savings Plan at a rate of 10 per cent of annual contributions to a maximum of \$250 per child per year.

The new *Saskatchewan Student Loan Forgiveness* program for nurses and nurse practitioners will forgive up to \$10,000 in Saskatchewan student loans over five years if they agree to work in a rural or remote area.

The *Graduate Retention Program* provides a refund of up to \$20,000 of tuition paid to eligible graduates who live and work in Saskatchewan.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.aeei.gov.sk.ca/new-initiatives-support-students>

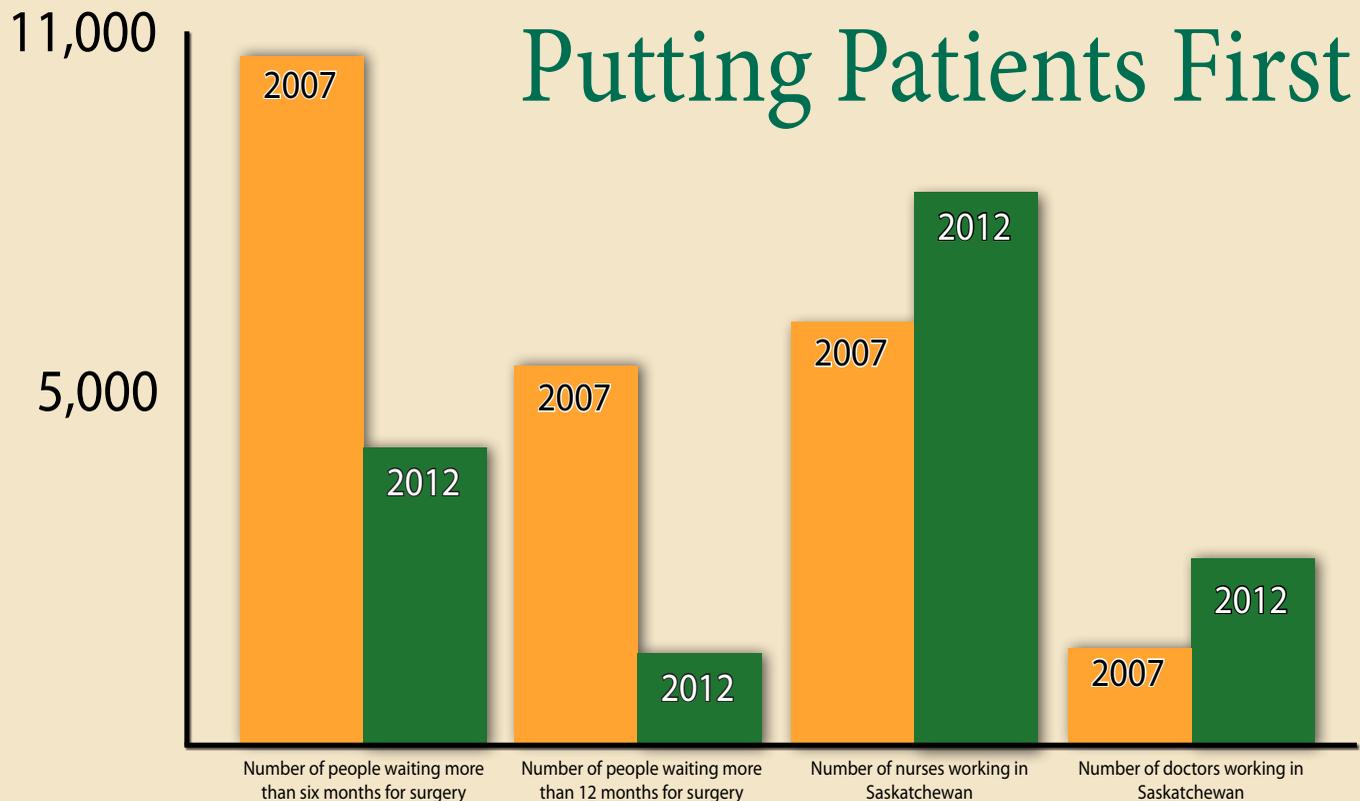
For the Most Vulnerable

On May 6, 2013, our government announced we had taken the first step toward implementing a comprehensive Disability Strategy, which is a key component of the *Saskatchewan Plan for Growth*. With a reporting deadline of fall 2014, nominations are now being accepted for the Citizen Consultation Team. The strategy will focus on: accessibility, affordability and availability of housing, transportation, employment, education, support for community inclusion and support for caregivers.

This commitment builds on our existing record in terms of making Saskatchewan the best place to live in Canada for people with disabilities, including:

- The elimination of the 440 person wait list for programming for people with intellectual disabilities; and
- The expansion of the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) program to more than 10,000 people with physical and intellectual disabilities, allowing them to live with a greater measure of dignity and independence.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/disability-strategy>



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